

REMARKS

Applicant received a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification Form PTO-1631 mailed 15 October 2004 (copy attached) regarding the above-identified application. The Notice indicates that the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" in the specification as originally filed does not contain a brief description of Figures 26-28 as originally filed with the application on 1 May 2001. Upon review of page 22 of the specification as originally filed, it is noted that the a brief description of Figures 26-28 was inadvertently omitted from the specification as originally filed in the present application.

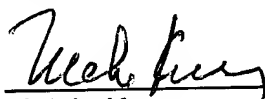
Figures 26-28 as originally filed in the present application are identical to Figures 26-28 originally filed 24 October 1994 in parent Application No. 08/328,566, and the above amendments to the specification submit the identical descriptions of the drawings for Figures 26-28 which were filed, approved and issued in the parent application as US 6,335,722 B1.

Accordingly, no new matter is added by the above amendments to the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings," since the above amendments are supported throughout the present application as originally filed, e.g., by Figures 26-28 as originally filed with the application on 1 May 2001, and in the specification as originally filed, at page 65, line 20 through page 75, line 6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments also do not require further examination or consideration.

In view of the above amendments, the correction required by the 15 October Notice is complete. Approval, entry and issue of the above amendments to the specification are respectfully requested.

This Response is being submitted concurrently with the Issue/Publication Fees due in the note case, by the due date indicated in the Notice of Allowability mailed 19 August 2004. As set forth in the attached Notice, this submission is therefore timely, and no Petition or fee are possible or required for entry of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 05-01-2001 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures _____ are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 26, 27, and 28 are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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